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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 18-19, 2019

Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, CA

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. The Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Joe Cislowski, Julie Conger, Stuart Greenbaum, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Ellen Schmeding, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Meea Kang, Bob Petty

Guests: Ricardo Lara, Julia Juarez, Martha Navarrete, Karen Gorback, Victoria Jump, Andrew Munson, Karen Sojota, Vanise Terry, Theresa Sommerville, Dr. Thomas Duncan, Michael Jump, Lori Harasta, Monique Nowlin

Staff: Dale Kuroda, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva, Sandi Fitzpatrick (Volunteer)

A quorum was present.

3. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

4. Approve Agenda

The June 18-19, 2019 CCoA General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Conger/Lyford)

TO APPROVE THE CCOA JUNE 18-19, 2019 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

5. Approve Minutes from March 25-26, 2019 Meeting

The March 25-26, 2019 CCoA meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Brown/Saenz)

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 25-26, 2019 CCOA MEETING.

6. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

Karen Gorback thanked the Commission for coming to Thousand Oaks.

7. Comments from the Chair

Chair Butler shared her hopes for the Governor's Executive Order on the Master Plan on Aging. Chair Butler commented on the recent San Diego KPBS TV series titled "Graying In California" which featured Commissioner Butler and former Commissioners Paul Downey and Donna Benton. She expressed appreciation for Kuroda and Fitzpatrick's help administering the Commission.

8. Special Guest: Ricardo Lara, California Insurance Commissioner

Insurance Commissioner Lara spoke of his work on insurance fraud, long-term care insurance, and senior scam awareness. He discussed the Department of Insurance's work to increase access to insurance for all, including undocumented older adults. Through his work with the National Association of Long-Term Care Insurers, Lara is involved in efforts to solve the problem of long-term care "legacy policies" that fail to cover policy-holder needs.

9. Welcome to Ventura County

Presenter Vanise Terry, aide to Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks, welcomed CCoA to Ventura County.

10. Presentation: Alzheimer's & Related Dementia

Presenter: Susan Guffee, Clinical Services Program Manager, Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Ms. Guffee provided an overview of the county-based AAA and the local service delivery network. The county's large 60+ population is expected to increase 14% by 2023. High rates of Alzheimer's disease have prompted a commitment to become a Dementia Friendly county which includes developing a network of dementia-friendly businesses, dementia cafes, a dementia awareness bus, and dementia friendly care management services.

11. Presentation: Fall Prevention

Presenter: Dr. Thomas Duncan, Trauma Medical Director, Ventura County Medical Center and Medical Co-Director, Anacapa Surgical Associates, and Monique Nowlin, Deputy Director, Ventura County Area Agency on Aging

Dr. Duncan reviewed the development of fall prevention programming and cited national statistics on fall-related injuries and deaths.

Ms. Nowlin outlined Ventura AAA's fall prevention program goals of reducing preventable falls, raising awareness, establishing baseline data to track number of falls and incidents of repeat falls after mitigation.

12. Break

13. Presentation: Elder Justice/Family Service Center

Presenter: Michael Jump, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Ventura County District Attorney's Office

Mr. Jump reviewed the effort behind creation of the Family Justice Center, a "one-stop shop" serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder and dependent adult

abuse, child abuse, and human trafficking. The center works directly with the Area Agency on Aging to provide elder abuse victims with additional services.

14. Federal Policy Committee Report

A. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

Commissioner Walsh provided an update on the upcoming Older Americans Act reauthorization and concerns with the Senate's draft bill, including funding limitations.

B. Administration on Community Living Reorganization

Commissioner Walsh reported on the Administration for Community Living and their announcement to relocate most regional office staff except for Administrators to Washington D.C.

M/S/C (Schmeding/Saenz)

TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEND COMMUNICATION VOICING CONCERNS OVER THE ACL REORGANIZATION TO SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS WITH COPIES TO CALIFORNIA'S SENATORS.

C. President signs two pieces of legislation extending Money Follows The Person and the Spousal Impoverishment Medicaid Provisions through September 30

Commissioner Walsh reported on the extension through September 30, 2019 of the Money Follows the Person program and the Spousal Impoverishment Rule.

D. Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

Commissioner Walsh reviewed a CMS proposal to make Medicaid coverage for non-emergency medical transportation an optional benefit.

E. The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposal to change how the official poverty measure is calculated

Commissioner Walsh discussed the technical change proposed by OMB that would count fewer individuals at or below poverty, resulting in lower eligibility levels for government aid. Comments are due by June 21, 2019.

M/S/C (Lyford/Saenz)

FOR STAFF TO PREPARE COMMENTS REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHANGE ON SERVICE ELIGIBILITY.

F. Affordable Care Act's Health Care Rights Rollback

Commissioner Walsh reported on the federal government's repeal of civil rights protections for LGBT individuals under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Limited English speakers will also lose protections.

M/S/C (Brown/Walsh)

FOR CCOA STAFF TO PREPARE COMMENTS REGARDING IMPACT OF THE ACA HEALTH CARE RIGHTS REPEAL FOR THOSE RECEIVING SERVICES.

15. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

A. CCoA Bill List Update

Sewell handed out the CCoA priority bill list and answered questions.

B. Proposed State Budget Revision Update

Sewell presented an updated budget showing many budget requests remaining intact.

16. Recess

Meeting recessed at 4:52 p.m.

17. Optional Evening Activities

Commissioners attended optional reception and dinner at the home of Jane and Tom Rozanski.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

18. Executive Committee Report

Chair Butler thanked Commissioner Rozanski for opening her home to the Commission the prior evening.

A. Ratification of Dale Kuroda as Interim Executive Director

Chair Butler announced the Executive Committee recommendation to hire Dale Kuroda as Interim Executive Director.

M/S/C (Conger/Lyford)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE DALE KURODA AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CCOA.

B. Ratification of Recommendations from Elder Justice and Caregiving Committee Meeting 4/18/19

The recommendations of the Elder Justice and Caregiving Committee's April 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Rozanski/Schmeding)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF THE ELDER JUSTICE AND CAREGIVING COMMITTEE'S APRIL 18, 2019 RECOMMENDATIONS.

C. Ratification of Recommendations from Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting 4/29/19

The recommendations of the Legislative Advocacy Committee's April 29, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Cislowski/Sanders)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S APRIL 29, 2019 RECOMMENDATIONS.

D. Search Committee Appointment

Chair Butler announced the appointment of Commissioners Butler, Saenz, Schmeding, Schuldberg and Walsh as members of the Executive Director Search Committee.

E. 2019 Meeting Schedule

CCoA's 2019 meeting schedule was reviewed. Fitzpatrick previewed plans for the San Jose meeting on August 27-28. CCoA's November event in Los Angeles will focus on economic security and retirement.

19. Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee Report

A. Proposed CCoA Vision Statement

Commissioner Schuldberg reviewed the Committee's proposed vision statements and stressed the need to be creative, positive, and original. Commissioners reviewed proposed vision and purpose statements, expressing a preference for "Healthy and Purposeful Longevity for All Californians" as a new tag line.

M/S/C (Lyford/Walsh)

TO ADOPT "HEALTHY AND PURPOSEFUL LONGEVITY FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS" AS A NEW TAG LINE FOR THE COMMISSION.

B. Proposed Edits to the CCoA Operational Plan

Kuroda reviewed proposed edits to the CCoA Operational Plan.

M/S/C (Walsh/Adelman)

TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OPERATIONAL PLAN.

C. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Kuroda reviewed proposed amendments to the CCoA Bylaws.

M/S/C (Lyford/Schmeding)

TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CCOA BYLAWS.

D. Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules

Kuroda reviewed proposed amendments to CCoA's Standing Rules and Commissioners' edits.

M/S/C (Conger/Rozanski)

TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO CCOA'S STANDING RULES AND COMMISSIONERS' EDITS.

20. Elder Justice Committee Report

A. Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Event Report

Sewell reported on the June 6th Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Event in Sacramento.

21. Staff Report

Kuroda provided the staff report.

A. Activity Report

Kuroda referred Commissioners to the Activity Report in Commission packets.

B. CCoA Budget Update

Kuroda reported on the status of CCoA's budget.

C. Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act

Kuroda reported on an updated legal opinion on the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act. Revised copies of the Act were provided to Commissioners.

D. California Aging and Disability Alliance Update

Sewell reported on the work of the California Aging & Disability Alliance.

22. Unfinished Business

A. Master Plan on Aging

• **Special Committee**

Chair Butler announced the Master Plan Committee could reconvene as needed to address issues that aren't included in the Governor's Master Plan.

• **Meeting with State Leadership**

Sewell reported on meetings with former Administration for Community Living Administrator Kathy Greenlee and representatives from the Legislature and Newsom Administration.

• **Other Developments**

Chair Butler and Fitzpatrick reported on the Governor's Executive Order on a Master Plan for Aging and opportunity to self-nominate for the Master Plan Task Force.

23. Presentation: SB 228 (Jackson) Update

Presenter: Brad Hudson, District Representative, Office of Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson

Mr. Hudson provided an update on Senator Jackson's work regarding aging issues and paid family leave. He discussed how the Senator's Master Plan bill (SB 228) will complement the Governor's Executive Order on the Master Plan with immediate-accessible goals and adequate funding.

24. New Business

A. Long Term Care Equality Index

Commissioner Walsh reported on the Long-Term Care Equality Index developed by SAGE and the Human Rights Campaign.

M/S/C (Brown/Adelman)

TO SIGN ON TO THE LONG-TERM CARE EQUALITY INDEX LETTER.

B. Election to Fill Vacant Position on Executive Committee

Chair Butler announced the election of Jane Rozanski to the CCoA Executive Committee.

25. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners shared their thoughts on the meeting.

26. Closed Session – Personnel

The Commission went into closed session at 11:07 a.m.

27. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.